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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

January 12, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry to address our concerns about the Net Neutrality regulations currently being considered by the Federal Communications Commission.

Our 1,500 members increasingly depend on broadband and internet-based applications and services to conduct business. Whether electronic financial transactions, customer service and sales via business websites, or basic email communication, the internet has fundamentally changed how our members do business. This new era of e-commerce means that our members can serve customers locally and around the world in much more productive and efficient ways.

These business and economic benefits are directly related to the competitive market which has fostered innovation in broadband and internet-based applications and services in recent years. As such, we believe that future innovation should similarly be driven by competition among providers and advances in technology, not new rules and regulations.

As opposed to new regulations and potential constraints on the growth of broadband and internet services, we believe the FCC should instead focus on policies that encourage additional broadband investment and technology innovation. Doing so will certainly benefit our members and enhance their ability to compete in an increasingly global economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wayne Oehmke
President